

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 24, 1845.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DIX made the following

REPORT :

[To accompany bill H. R. 515.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill from the House of Representatives for the relief of Justin Jacobs, report :*

The petitioner was employed in the Ordnance department, at the arsenal at Watervliet, where, while engaged in the preparation of fulminate of mercury, for charging percussion caps, an explosion took place, by which his right arm was rendered useless.

The petitioner's case is not embraced by the general laws making provision for individuals disabled in the military service ; and the committee are therefore not disposed to recommend the special provision for his relief contained in the bill from the other House. If cases like this ought to be provided for, the committee are of opinion that it should be by general, and not by special, acts of legislation. Notwithstanding the hardship of this case, therefore, they recommend, on consideration of the principle involved in it, that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

